

Mines of the County

H. S. Mackay, of the C. O. D. mines company, is in Los Angeles on important mining business.

J. W. Gerritt went out to the Oro Plata mine Thursday last in company of A. J. Doran. Leasers are at work on the Oro Plata and are getting some good gold ore.

Jack Little has been at work on the Little Chief mine, at Stockton Hill, and is getting some very rich silver ore. A new shaft is being sunk near the north end of the claim.

W. B. Campbell is doing some work on his mining claims in the Cerbat country. He has some good prospects in that camp and with a reduction plant in the neighborhood would prove very valuable.

Contractors on the Roosevelt mine, San Francisco district, have completed their shaft contract and are now making a crosscut of the vein. This mine is now under bond and was formerly owned by Ewing & Heimrod.

T. B. Scott has a bond on the Golden Era group of mines, in the San Francisco district, and is working quite a force of men on them. The mines are showing up well and it is expected that the group will be taken over in a month or so.

The two stamp mill at the Great West mine is now running regularly and giving good results. Hank Leffer is in charge of the mill. Water sufficient for milling purposes is being obtained from the mine and a well near by.

Tibucio Padillo is taking out great silver ore from his mine in the Cedar country. A recent shipment of ore from the mine ran over 1,000 ounces silver and several ounces gold. There is a shipment of the ore at Yucca awaiting transportation to the sampling works at Kingman.

Clack Brothers are doing the assessment work on a mining claim near the Oro Plata and as soon as this is completed they will move over to the Rico, where they will do a great deal of work. The Rico has been a good producer of gold and silver ore and is the west extension of the C. O. D. mine.

Jones Brothers have completed their first fifty feet on the mine at Cerbat recently sold by them to Mr. McFarland and have taken another fifty foot contract. Water has been reached in the shaft and the ore has changed to the sulphide and carries good values. Considerable work will be done on the property this summer by the new owner.

At the Tom Reed mine, San Francisco district, Superintendent Hilly is putting in two horse whims and will soon have the two big shafts well under way. At present he is working eight men, but as soon as the whims are in position three eight hour shifts will be put on. The main shaft of the Tom Reed is now down about 75 feet and the ore is improving with every foot of depth.

The contractors on the Alexander mine at Union Basin have just completed their contract to sink fifty feet below the old level of the mine. An upraise will now be carried to the surface for air. G. A. Wanger, general manager of the company, who is now in Alaska, will drive the main shaft to a depth of 500 feet this fall. It is expected that he will return in about six weeks.

James Bone came in from Eldorado Canyon Thursday last, where he has been at work on a group of mines bonded recently from James McGregor. He states that the mines are prospecting well. The mill of the Southwestern mining company is idle awaiting orders from the home office of the company, but it is expected that work on the mines will be commenced very shortly. The property of this company is the best in southeastern Nevada.

One hundred tons of ore from the Golden Gem mine has been treated at the C. O. D. mill and the results obtained are said to have been satisfactory. The ore is an iron sulphide and gives the best of results by concentration. A mill will soon be installed at the mine to work the ores and the product of the concentrator tables will probably be calcined and the oxidized product cyanided. This method was in use at the old Silver King mine with the best of results.

C. E. Bowers is at Layne Springs, where he is looking after his mining interests. He and brother, George M. Bowers, have a few men at work on the Ba Yan mine and are opening up a nice body of gold ore.

A two compartment shaft is being sunk on the Cyclopic mine, in the Gold Basin district, by Walker and Robbins, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is the intention of these gentlemen to sink this shaft to a depth of 500 feet.

James McGregor has gone to Eldorado Canyon, where he will look after mining interests for California people. Mr. McGregor resided in the Canyon for more than twenty years and recently sold a large part of his holdings to James Bone.

Henry P. Ewing has just returned from an inspection of the Roosevelt and other mines in the Boundary Cone country. He states that active operations are in progress on all the mines in that district and that many good veins are being opened up.

John C. Potts and L. Kimmerly have completed the annual assessment work on their mining claims in the Finger Butte country and came into town the first of the week. Mr. Kimmerly has gone to Stockton Hill, where he is interested in several mining claims.

Miners who have come in from the Grand Canyon copper mine report that there is a pending reorganization of the company working the mines and that the result is awaited before further work will be carried on. The mines produce the richest copper ore of any copper mines in the territory.

The main shaft of the Gold Road mine has reached a depth of 380 feet. Machines are being used in shaft and drifts and big headway is now being made. The ledge at the bottom of the shaft shows good ore and in the drifts the ore chute is unbroken. The mine never looked better nor gave better promise for the future.

Peter White came in from the Sheep trail country a few days ago and states that he and partners have found the greatest gold mines on the Pacific slope within a few hundred yards of the old Sheeptrail mines. Parties who have visited the newly discovered mining claims believe that White and partners really have an immense vein of gold bearing ore and handsome offers have been made for them. The owners are doing the title work on the properties and in doing so opened up great masses of quartz that show much free gold through it. The mines are about six miles from the river and only about one-half mile from the old Hardyville road.

C. O. D. Opens Body of Gold Ore.

For years past the C. O. D. mine has been known as one of the greatest silver properties in the territory of Arizona and it has always been worked for that metal alone. Recently the drift on the 30 level was extended westward in search for a new chute and at a point 410 feet from the main shaft an ore body carrying from one ounce to four ounces in gold was encountered. The drift is now in this ore 70 feet without a break. About a hundred tons of the ore has been run through the mill and a product running high in silver and between five and six ounces gold obtained. A new streak has come in near the breast of the drift that runs as high as 150 ounces silver to the ton. The ground is virgin to the surface above this ore chute, over 300 feet. In the east drift from the same level a body of rich ruby and native silver ore has been broken into. This ore is in another chute never before opened in the mine. So far three distinct ore chutes have been opened up and each one is producing ore of high value. The mill is now turning out four tons of concentrates every twelve hours. No stoping is being done, all the ore now being milled coming from the drifts. In the new workings a large increase in the flow of water has been encountered and a supply for all needs is now being pumped to the surface. Heretofore water had to be used over many times to give the mill the necessary amount. The mine shows the longest unbroken ore chute ever opened up in Mohave county and the ore is all of a milling grade. Thomas McMahon has charge of the mine for the company and his knowledge of the ground and the lay of the ore bodies makes him invaluable in that position. The mill is in charge of John Lynch, who has had unlimited experience in the working of the ores of the C. O. D.

Report has it that Mrs. John Kays' Iron King mine is about to be sold at a good figure. The mine is showing up in splendid shape and we hope the report is true. Mrs. Kay and the members of her family have worked long and hard to make the property what it is and they should have their reward.

The samples recently taken from the nitre beds across the Colorado river by J. S. Kolar and H. P. Ewing gave remarkable good results by chemical analysis. The percentage of nitre was found to be very high, but the presence of saline matter may be an impediment that cannot be overcome in the working of the deposit.

The main shaft of the Lucky Boy mine is now down nearly 500 feet and is being driven downward by three shifts. A station has been cut out in the lower tunnel on the property and the hoisting machinery is operated from this point, fully two hundred feet below the surface. The shaft is being sunk outside the ledge, but it is expected that it will be broken into in the next fifty feet. In the bottom of the old works the richest ore ever taken from the mine was found and it is this ore that the new shaft will cut.

The average of the Catherine ores being worked in the Sheeptrail mill the past two weeks is given at 7.918, and the saving by plate amalgamation and cyanide is over 92 per cent. The cost of mining and milling is about 38 per ton, which leaves a margin of profit of more than 48 per ton. The mill is capable of handling 60 tons of ore daily, which would give a nice revenue to the company. At present there is only 35 tons milled daily. With a large plant on the mine it would be one of the largest producers of bullion in Arizona.

It is reported that the Elkhart people have closed down all work on that property and will allow the mine to fill with water. The company has had bad management since its inception and hundreds of thousands of dollars were thrown away in the pursuance of a theory that had not one fact as a base. The amount of money spent ought to have sunk the main shaft of the mine to a depth of more than 1,000 feet and opened the ground to that level from one end of the claim to the other. It is this class of management that gives to the county the bad name it has borne for years. Had the last management of the property been in charge of the mine from the first the books of the company would have shown a different balance.

A. J. Doran went out to the Nighthawk mine a few days ago and came in yesterday afternoon accompanied by George M. Bowers. We understand that Mr. Doran is about to take over the Nighthawk for a company in which he is interested and that machinery will be at once placed on the mine and active operations begun. The Nighthawk has large bodies of low grade ores exposed in the upper levels, while it carries some of the richest ore ever taken from the mines of this county. A carload of Nighthawk ore, taken from the mine by Mr. Bowers, netted the sum of 19,508, and many more shipments of as valuable ores have been taken out. Owing to the quantity of water in the mine and the fact that it has been opened tunnel as deep as it can be reached in that manner, and the fact that no machinery for the handling of water has ever been put in, the mine has been idle more or less the last few years. Recently chlorides have been at work and, although good ore was encountered in the new ground they opened up, they were driven out by the water.

Bill Williams Fork Railroad.

Grading from Congress Junction on the Colorado river extension of the P. P. & S. F. railroad is now in progress and the road will be rushed through to a connection with the Santa Fe at or near Franconia as rapidly as possible. Surveyors are now at work on the line along the Santa Maria and Bill Williams Fork.

The road will open up one of the richest mineral sections of the southwest. In this county, on the line of the road, are the greatest iron deposits in the west. In places the country for miles is covered by great deposits of iron oxides in the form of boulders weighing hundreds of tons. Hundreds of thousands of tons of this ore can be gathered up on the surface. Along the creek are deposits of copper ore in veins of great size. In places where crosscutting has been done, especially on the Copper Prince, the ore bodies

have been found to be hundreds of feet in width and continuous for hundreds of feet in length. At the Planet the deposit of copper is of unknown extent. On the lower Bill Williams the whole country appears to be underlaid with copper and iron. On the Santa Maria are big veins of low grade ore that would be made profitable by the advent of a railroad. In fact there is not one mile of country between Congress Junction and the connection with the main line of the Santa Fe at or near Franconia that is not highly mineralized. Besides the mineral possibilities of the country there is a large extent of country that could be brought under cultivation as there is a market for the product. A railroad will give such market and we expect to see a great agricultural region also opened up.

"OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY."

A Guaranteed Attraction Here Next Thursday Evening.

In speaking of "OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY," the famous comedy, that Mr. J. R. Halsey has secured for next Thursday evening, the Albuquerque paper of last Tuesday has the following to say:

HENNESSY LEROYLE.

And "Other People's Money" Captured Albuquerque Last Evening.

It was a large and a delighted audience that left Calombo hall last night after two hours of continuous laughter at "OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY" as given by Hennessy Leroy and his clever company. Fortunately the company has an open date for to-night and it will be repeated. That a large audience will greet it goes without saying, for each one present last evening has been a walking commendation today. The play has a bright plot and is continuous, clean fun from the time the curtain rises in the first act until it drops at the end of the third. Mr. Leroy as Hutchinson Hopper, the Chicago speculator, afraid of his wife, fond of all other ladies and trapped in his own game, is a host in himself. His support is uniformly excellent and there is not a weak spot in the cast. Miss Gertrude Norman as Mrs. Hopper is delightful in her temper and Miss May Sargent as the innocent young woman is admirable. Her farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hopper is an exquisite bit of stage work. Leola May as Hopper's daughter, was charming while the men were strong in their parts.

It was the best thing that has been seen in Albuquerque for many a day and it was handsomely costumed. Manager Matson is to be congratulated on securing it and he and the company deserve a crowded house tonight. The curtain will rise promptly at 8:30.

Mr. Halsey has received unquestionable endorsements from various points that this attraction will give satisfaction. Prices are \$1.00, 75 and 50 cents. Seats on sale at Watkins' Drugstore starting Tuesday.

On another page we give this week Delegate Smith's warm roart of the Ladies Board of Home Missions, of the Presbyterian church. The letter is timely and we hope it will have the desired effect on the fanatical church people, who have taken it upon themselves to act as censor of the territories and their people. Delegate Smith has been warmly commended for his able defense of our people.

After Ten Years.

Vancouver, B. C., May 17. News has come from the Cariboo of the striking of a pay streak by "Sam" Montgomery on Lightning creek, out of which he washed 100 ounces in 24 hours, or gold to the value of 1,875. And this with an expense not exceeding, it is said, of 25¢ or 30¢.

The story reads like one of the discoveries of the early days, when in '62 fabulous sums were mined from claims on all the creeks in Cariboo district by the many old timers who flocked in there.

Dr. Reynolds, who is an authority on Cariboo matters say: "To Sam Montgomery alone belongs all the credit of this latest strike. He has owned for a number of years a claim on Lightning creek, and when he has lost the streak in one place he has found it in another. He has maintained that the pay lead extended a certain way, and has gone on drifting until at last he has struck it rich. He has sunk a shaft nearly 10 feet in depth upon the strength of his theory, and has the satisfaction of finding out that he is correct. The way in which he dug the shaft, unassisted is interesting. Working in the summer

for the government at odd jobs, when he had secured sufficient to obtain a grubstake he set again at the mining. With two buckets he laboriously worked, and not until he discovered the paystreak which had so long evaded him, did anyone offer to join in with him.

"Sam Montgomery is 87 years of age has worked in all of the rich diggings in the north and west, and says Cariboo is the equal of any of them."

"The trouble with the Cariboo is that the gold lead is not a steady one. It is to be found in patches in the bed of the old rivers, and while good strikes are made now and again, they are not uniform."

The recent strikes on Scotty creek bears every indication of being genuine and of considerable value, and the Dr. Reynolds, speaking from personal knowledge of the ground, states is all right. The Darough brothers, who have been working there recently went deep enough to strike the dry shum and below that found good paying gravel, which averages high and is of a uniform value. Numerous holes can be found all over the creek when amateur prospectors have pretended to mine, but none went deep enough to strike the shum, and so found nothing. It was in one of these holes that the Darough boys went to work, and had only to sink a few feet before they struck gold.

Scotty creek is about 16 miles above Ashcroft, and when it was worked in the days of the early rush as much as an ounce was worked only on the surface for some two or three miles. Ever since then every two or three years the ground has been worked over and 8, 68 and even 88 per day made for a while.

It is the same creek about which there was so much excitement when the Cariboo stage was robbed about 12 years ago. After the robbery had been committed the culprit went into Ashcroft and disposed of several thousand dollars' worth of gold. He was arrested and convicted, receiving a long sentence. He claimed for his defense that he had mined the gold in Scotty creek, but the fact that it was of several shades proved conclusively it was the stage gold. After the deed had been committed he took a party of men to the creek and conducted the washing operations himself, with very profitable results. This was the gold he had stolen and afterwards sold in Ashcroft, which proved his undoing. Some \$10,000 worth of the stolen gold has never since been recovered, and it is believed by many that it is cached somewhere in Scotty creek.—Spokesman Review.

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